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Inventor Application of:  
Connolly, *et al.*

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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**SUPPLEMENT TO PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

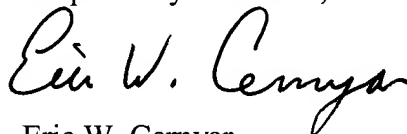
On May 8, 2002, a Preliminary Amendment was submitted adding priority claims to PCT/IE96/00087 filed Dec. 17, 1996, and to Ireland application 950950 filed on Dec. 18, 1995, on which PCT/IE96/00087 is based. 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a)(2) requires that a certified copy of the foreign application be filed before the patent is granted. A certified copy of Ireland application 950950 is attached.

37 C.F.R. § 1.67(b) requires a supplemental oath or declaration meeting the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.63 whenever a claim is presented for matter originally shown or described but not substantially embraced in the claims originally presented. The two listed inventors are Mr. Patrick Joseph Connolly and Mr. Chinnathamby Vijayendran. Because Mr. Connolly is deceased, a supplemental declaration was obtained from his wife and legal representative, Mrs. Una Connolly, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.64 and 1.42. That supplemental declaration is attached. Proof of her power as legal representative is already present in the file wrapper.

Diligent efforts were made to reach Mr. Vijayendran but were unsuccessful. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.64 and 1.47(a), a petition setting forth the pertinent facts, along with the fee set forth in § 1.17(h), accompanies this submission.

The undersigned respectfully asks that the preliminary amendment be considered and accepted, that the claims be allowed, and that the application be passed to issuance as a patent. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct any fees that may be required from Kinetic Concepts' deposit account #500-326.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Eric W. Cernyar". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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